

## **Chapter 4: Natural Disasters**

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### **C. Floods**

Warnings of flood may be issued by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration when rainfall or snow melt is sufficient to cause rivers to overflow their banks. The following are precautionary measures to be taken in the event of a flood:

1. Know how many feet your building is above or below flood levels.
2. Listen to local radio or television reports for the latest information.
3. Check battery-powered equipment: radios, flashlights, emergency lighting, etc.
4. Check recovery kit (see chapter 5).
5. Remove books, papers or other fragile objects from low areas if possible.
6. Disconnect electrical equipment. Do not touch equipment if it is standing in water or is wet.
7. Retreat to high areas of building if necessary.
8. If advised to do so, evacuate area.